MAYOR'S REPORT OCTOBER 2011 By Mayor Robert Weger

Our Service Dept. began to pick up leaves this week, reminding us that winter is on its way. Residents are reminded to consider installing a "snow shield" near their mailbox to protect the box from the heavy snow often times thrown by our plows. Several residents who have installed these shields have been saved the aggravation of mailbox repairs or replacement. The Service Department will continue to pick up leaves, making daily passes through the city, until it begins to snow. There is no need to call City Hall as notification that your leaves are out; they will be picked up as the workers make their way through the city streets.

We hope to have all road projects completed soon, including the Dodd Road Bridge, Camelot Court and Eddy Road. Thank you for your patience during these construction projects. We are working with ODOT to do repairs and improvements on the SOM Center Bridge. This is a real eyesore as you enter our city and, while still functioning properly, clearly needs an aesthetic overhaul. Further information will be made available to residents as soon as the details are finalized.

In my last month's report, I urged everyone to support the Fall Corn Fest Chevy Cruze raffle. Unfortunately, we were not able to sell the number of tickets required to continue with the raffle. We are in the process of refunding the ticket monies to the buyers, some of whom have chosen to generously donate the ticket money back to the Corn Fest fund, enabling next year's festival planning to begin. Thanks to those individuals who have decided to do this. It is greatly appreciated by the committee. We can hope for better weather next year to enable the event to become a huge success and a wonderful tradition for the City of Willoughby Hills.

Area C residents should have received their letters from the county, advising them of the requirement to tap in to the sewer system. Please call City Hall if you have any questions about this process. Our Building Department, Service Department and my office are ready to assist you.

Our Craft Fair was a huge success, offering many fine arts and crafts to the attendees. Thanks to all who participated in this fun Recreation Department event.

Next month we will honor our veterans at our Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at our Veterans Memorial. Make it a point to attend this excellent tribute to our service men and women.

November also will mark Election Day on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. As an unopposed candidate this year, I thank you in advance for the privilege to serve as your Mayor. I look forward to many more good things for the City of Willoughby Hills and will continue my promise to keep "Residents First."